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# Charity Says Iraqi Billions Missing

*By Shaista Aziz*

A leading British charity has accused American and British administrators in Iraq of failing to account for \$4 Billion in oil revenue. Christian Aid has produced a report, Iraq: The missing Billions, to conclude with a US-led international conference in Madrid aimed at securing money to rebuild the country. The report's co-authors, Dominic Nutt and John Davison spent two months working on their findings. The report reveals that billions of dollars of Iraqi oil money, transferred to the US-controlled Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), has effectively disappeared. Christian Aid has been able to account for only \$1 billion of the total \$5 billion raised from Iraqi oil sales. John Davison told, Aljazeera.net that serious questions need to be asked about the accountability of the CPA

"This money that belongs to the Iraqi people, and its money that should be used to improve the

lives of the Iraqi people. Who is deciding where the money is spent? There has to be a system in place that makes people accountable and above suspicion of wrong doing," says Davison.

The charity states that the lack of accountability on behalf of the CPA is in direct violation of the UN resolution that has given the green light for Iraqi assets to be transferred to the CPA. Before money was transferred to the CPA and international Monitory Advisory Board should have been set up to monitor the flow of money. Christian Aid says UN sources have told the charity that the board's formation has been delayed by internal arguments over the limited



power that the board would have. "If this lack of transparency is perpetuated it could well hold the seeds for the future disaster in Iraq. The very oil revenues that are potentially

the countries greatest asset could, on all available evidence, prove to be a curse," said Davison.

Christian Aid is asking for action to be taken to find out where the missing money is. The Charity estimates that by the end of the year the revenue from Araqi oil will top \$9 billion. The charity is demanding that the CPA should reveal where the money has gone. "Oil revenues should benefit those who help most – the country's poor, not just those with power and influence," says Davison.

( Article courtesy of Al Jazeera.net)





# MAKING



# WAVES AT IGLA



# 2003



Ten members of Making Waves Swim Club Edmonton participated in the recently held 13<sup>th</sup> International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics (IGLA) Championships, hosted by San Francisco Tsunami, and held outdoors at Stanford University's Avery Aquatic Center in Palo Alto, California.

The meet attracted over 1000 swimmers, divers, synchronized swimmers and water polo players, ranging in age from 19 to 89, representing some 78 teams from five continents. The Canadian contingent included teams from the English Bay Swim Club (Vancouver), Different Strokes (Calgary), Making Waves (Edmonton), Downtown

Swim Club (Toronto) and À Contre Courant (Montréal). In the swimming competition, Making Waves finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the small

several events! Congratulations! With the end of the swimming competition, we look forward to the next IGLA championships in Ft.

community, and their friends. Practices are held Mondays 8:30 to 9:30 pm and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the NAIT pool (11762 106<sup>th</sup> Street) with friendly and supportive coaching for novice, as well as competitive swimmers. Your first practice is free! For more information on joining Making Waves Swim Club, check out our webpage at [http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves\\_edm/home.htm](http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/home.htm), e-mail us at [makingwaves\\_edm@yahoo.com](mailto:makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com), or contact Warren at 920-2847 or Jan at 454-9987. Making Waves Swim Club is a member of Swim Alberta, Masters Swimming Canada and International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics.



teams competition, improving 2 spots from our 6<sup>th</sup> place finish at IGLA in Toronto in 2001. Our women swimmers and mixed relay teams performed exceptionally well, placing top 3 in

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# Thanks Bob! Thanks, for the Good Fight

Robert Wm. Smith

HIV Edmonton

For several years, I have been ranting about the long-term effects of Alberta style exclusion on the reality of disease and disadvantage in our community. Sometimes, my rants get tedious, even to me. But, I can't give up; I just can't let myself believe that this is how it is.

My work focuses on HIV/AIDS and how it permeates our communities. HIV Edmonton has long realized HIV is not an isolated issue that can be addressed by itself. HIV is a sidecar to the gay/bisexual man's non-prescription tranquilizer. HIV has come to represent the very isolation that the GLBTT communities embrace as a necessity to survival.

Edmonton's gay/bisexual/MSM community, as a collective, can consider itself fortunate. HIV is not rampant in our community. We don't have the numbers of new infections to support an all out

war on behaviours. We don't face the reality of infection rates that Montreal, Vancouver or even Calgary face. But we still face death. And, death strikes indiscriminately whenever it chooses.

On Saturday, October 18, 2003, several hundred people said good-bye to an advocate and a friend, a true fighter. This friend, Bob Mills as we knew him, died of AIDS. No, I am not breaking confidentiality. Bob made no bones about the fact that he suffered many of the symptoms and diseases associated with AIDS. Bob made a late-life career of the fact. Bob was determined to use that reality to advocate change.

Bob was tireless, even in death. Bob crept up on your conscience and placed his reality square on your table, because that table was where it needed to be. In the years since discovering he was HIV positive and during the years he suffered from many of the opportunistic infections that assault HIV victims, Bob, in the variety of manifestations the diseases offered his body, kept hammering out his message. "We cannot afford to be complacent."

Bob had the type of career that could not be envied, because it was wrought with his own personal hell; but it was an enviable career. He pushed the HIV/AIDS envelop in every corner of the world. He was an integral part of local, provincial, national and international initiatives and committees whose aims called for the eradication of HIV from our collective midst.

Bob was part of the UN Resolution on HIV/AIDS

developed in 2002. He pushed for the distribution of antiretroviral therapies to third world countries, he yelled about the inclusion of women in drug trials, he ranted about the possible benefits of microbicides (a foam "condom" that can be used vaginally and if the will was there to test it, anally) to gay/bisexual/MSM and pushed governments to look at funding formulas for increases



to the HIV/AIDS movement in Alberta and Canada. Bob was an advocate for generic antiretroviral medication and their availability in third world countries

Bob spoke often and clearly about the impact of anti-gay biases on HIV transmission in gay/bisexual/MSM. He pushed for validity in his life and in his relationship.

And all the while, Bob suffered. He suffered from his body's reaction to his therapies. He suffered because his body refused to stabilize even when everyone "knew" it should. He suffered because

in his home province of Alberta, the socially conservative climate refused to recognize that the types of discrimination backed by many of the socio-political elements within were going to kill others just like him. He suffered, because he knew in his heart of hearts that he would not get to finish his work.

Bob was the consummate teacher, a career he had to leave because of his illness. He left the career but never the principles. Bob taught me in many ways. Even when addressing the most complex of issues, Bob made certain that I knew that there was a language that had to be used, theories that needed to be expressed and minds that needed guidance. Remarkably, Bob always saw the light at the end of the tunnel. He refused to recognize that the deck was stacked against him, against us. He just wouldn't give up.

Edmonton Centre MP and Minister of Health, Anne McClelland shared at his memorial how in a telephone call to him two days before he slipped into a coma, Bob apologized for not being able to fulfill his duties as an appointed member of the Minister's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, a position he assumed in August of this year.

I miss you Bob, and I know that I will continue to miss your input, your enthusiasm, your unrelenting attack on a system that begs to be attacked, and your commitment. I also know that others in HIV Edmonton and the many organizations you worked with will miss your presence and your voice as well. Thank you for being here. If you have any influence in outcomes, could you please send us more help? I have a feeling we are going to need it. Goodbye friend.



# Boreal Forest

**Steve Townsend**  
Assistant Editor



Well maybe it is just me and my mind going crazy yet once again with conspiracy, but here I will shoot, I find it very strange that the great

and proud Caribou that used to be proudly displayed on our quarters, to showcase Canada's diverse and abundant array of animals, is no longer on the quarter it has been replaced every month by something else whether it be the provinces and territories or the different cultural elements of our country. Could it be because Canada is embarrassed that the Caribou is on the threatened species list and they would rather us just forget that it even existed. Would it not make more sense to maybe put on the quarter beside the picture of the Caribou the word threatened? Then maybe we would become more aware of the fate of the caribou and do more to help it. Like with most things that deal with the environment we tend to blow it off and do nothing until it is already too late.

That brings me to a very important issue that needs to be addressed before we run out of time, the depletion and destruction of the Boreal forest in Canada. The Boreal forest is Canada's largest eco-system it stretches all the way from the Yukon to Labrador. It covers a landmass of about 1.9 million square kilometers. It accounts for about one third of the world's forests.

The Boreal forest provides homes to about two thirds of Canada's 140,000 species of animals, plants, and microorganisms. The largest are the mammals, such as the woodland caribou, moose, and the black bear. It is also home to many smaller mammals such as the beaver, wolves, lynx, and the red squirrel just to name a few. As well as 186 species of birds live there. The Boreal forest also has immense amounts of water from bogs, fens, marshes, shallow lakes, rivers and wetlands they all help make up this diverse forest.

The forest uses fire as a natural process of cleaning and reseeding. Most animals are able to escape easily from natural fires. This makes way for new growth by letting sunlight thru the canopy to the seedlings below. Some trees actually require fire in order to stimulate reproduction of their seeds.

This large and diverse forest is under threat mostly from logging, mining, gas exploration and hydroelectricity. Over 90% of the logging that occurs in the Boreal forest is clear-cutting. Clear-cutting is the

most profitable way to cut down a forest since machines do most of the work, eliminating the need for vast numbers of employees. Mining as well as oil and gas exploration and hydroelectric power, create tons of emissions that are being pumped out of the mills and processing plants creating an extremely negative impact on the plants, trees, wildlife, and Indigenous Peoples in the region.

The growth of these industries will continue to escalate as the demand for tree products, oil, gas and power continue to rise. We may be in danger of losing one of the most beautiful and diverse forests on the planet. The animals that call the Boreal forest there home are being evicted to make way for man's greed, many of these animals are already on the endangered or threatened species list, we will only continue to see that list grow in the future.

I encourage you to do anything that you can to help save the Boreal forest and the animals, plants and birds that live there. Call your elected officials and let them know that you do not support the destruction of the Boreal forest, and encourage them to stop the destruction you can find the e-mail and contact information for your member of Federal Government at:

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# Foreseeing the Future

By Joey Gierulski  
Associate Editor



Imagine walking down Jasper Ave. holding hands with the one you love without encountering unwelcoming looks from others as they pass by. Imagine being able to show your love towards someone without having the hypocrites make their usual comments. Imagine being back in grade 12 and taking that guy you've had your eye on to the grad dance and not get the crap kicked out of you by the football team. As it is right now, some of these dreams are becoming a reality for some. For others, these will only be dreams, and nothing more.

Many young men who are dealing with the tribulations of coming out into the gay community have the luxury of growing up in a larger city that can accept some of the aspects

of the gay life. Let us take a look at some of the luxuries that we have as a gay community in Edmonton. We have five openly gay bars in our city, which cater to all different groups in our gay community. We have businesses dedicated solely to the gay communities needs, such as an exclusively gay adult video store, two bath houses allowing gay men to explore and meet new sexual fantasies, and seemingly countless community and support groups that support and assist homosexuals with the tribulations of the gay life. Lets not forget about the only gay publication that speaks to the entire gay community across Edmonton. Not to mention all of our gay friendly businesses that welcomes the gay culture with open arms.

Yes, on the same token we have our bad sides. For example, an openly gay city counselor that condemns almost every aspect of Edmonton's gay culture. After

all what kind of a good conservative province be without hypocrisy? (That's a rhetorical question, which requires no response. So all of you getting your pens out in rebuttal just simmer down.)

Now, lets subtract all of the luxuries that I listed above, and add some bad stuff to it such as a smaller population where everyone is in the closet and hates anything that is not the "good Christian way". What do we have now? Well we have the way of life for many gay men and women living in smaller Albertan communities. Well, not just Alberta, more so the entire collaboration of small communities across North America. If you don't think this is true, then go plan a Gay Pride Parade in Provost. Suddenly you will see that Mr. Bill Smith's lack of leadership and acceptance is quite miniscule.

I suppose what I am getting at here is that we should all, (and I really do mean all of us) take

a step back and look at what we have, and take pride in the fact that our small community has something that caters to us all. I suppose there is room for growth in some areas, but you must admit, for a city of this size we aren't doing all that bad when it comes to the "Gay Revolution".

It has taken many years of group work and building ties with each other to come as far as we have, and I am sure in time all that we have worked for will grow into our smaller communities of Alberta. Soon we will be able to see acceptance of the gay culture in our churches, our hospitals, and in our governments, free of hate and hypocrisy. Yes I suppose that it seems a little far-fetched at this time, but all good things come with time. The one thing that keeps me believing this is that sooner or later the old farts that are promoting this hate will be pushing up daisies while we go about our lives living them as we please. Giving each person the respect that they deserve.



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# Have We Lost Our Focus?

*By Dennis Cambly*  
**Managing Editor**

It was bad enough getting fired from my job for being gay while living here in loving Alberta. The born again fundamentalist morning man started something that he could not live with and in the end I was out of my life long dream

to work in radio. He took his fucking bible and pounded it on the heads of everyone that thought I was doing a great job and relentlessly pursued me and my lifestyle until the management would no longer back me up and tell him to stop. Instead they took the easy way out and put it to a vote which came up close but not close enough for me to continue working.

Human Rights in Alberta did not exist at that time for any gay man or lesbian. The province had just thrown out the Social Credit party, which descended from the bible belt of Alberta. I believe that most of the members thought that they were the chosen people and had it all together with imperial powers from above. The Conservatives over a period of two elections whipped the Social Credit party off the Alberta map and many thought that better times would lie ahead. It did not go that way and the corruption started early

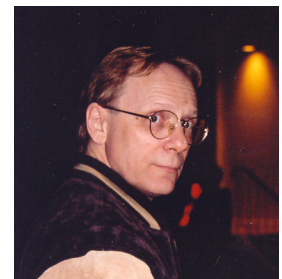
around 1980 and continues to this day. Money and greed became the main call for Alberta and the government used the money to purchase votes and stay in power. Human Rights were not a priority for the conservatives as they plundered the money trough as often as they could and blew away billions of dollars that belonged to the people of this province. Even today it goes on without question from anyone in the mainstream media and we in the gay and lesbian community figure that everything is done now that we can have a parade.

We have degraded our own status and given up the fight for any further rights by giving ourselves initials instead of saying who we are in English. We are the gay and lesbian community of Alberta and you can add all the initials you want to it, but it comes down to the same thing. Do you get any further down the road to having any rights that other provinces currently enjoy? I am glad that a transgender person can find friends in the lesbian and gay community but the rights that hold true for us are not the same ones that the transgender community fight for in the end. The same holds true for the members of all the other initials that you see from time to time around publications and websites. The general public does not have a clue what they mean and most people in the gay and lesbian community have little or no knowledge either.

The Liberal Party of Canada did not become the most powerful government in the history of our federalist country by calling themselves the LPC of Canada. It would mean nothing to anyone and thus become a non-issue for most Canadians. A very good example is the "Born Again" Reformed Party headed up by

Stockwell Day. The good people of Canada did not know what it stood for so they looked up the leader and what they say was pure poison and very ugly. He was one of the lawmakers that held back the gay and lesbian community in Alberta for nearly ten years until the Supreme Court of Canada told the Alberta Conservatives that they were wrong.

It might be fashionable to degrade ourselves into nothing more than a few initials but have we made it any safer for gay men and lesbians? Try walking down Jasper Avenue after nine at night and find out for yourself. It is supposedly the job of our city counsellors and provincial government to ensure our safety, but they have done nothing, and will do nothing for a group who will not continue the fight to be protected.



It is with the greatest amount of interest that I am waiting for the next Federal election. For the last time the born again fundamentalists group in Alberta will be swept away with the great tidal wave of energy coming from the new Liberal Leader. With all the power sitting in Quebec and Ontario perhaps the people of Alberta will wake up to the stolen billions of dollars from their good "christian" government here and the loss of their identity in our great country. It is a dream that maybe we will stop degrading our lives into some initials.

*Edmonton Vocal Minority*

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# Michael Phair is a Hypocrite

It's not easy for me, to be typing these words. Michael Phair has been kind of a hero to me. I haven't Worshipped the man but, following his accomplishments and watching him champion our community and it's interests has helped me over the years to take pride in myself as a gay man. I've never had negative things to say about Michael Phair in the past, but after some intense conversations with my friends I find that I have no choice but to endorse the following;

Michael Phair has become the thing that we have always condemned - a person in a position of power imposing his personal moral values on others. After many years of championing the full normalization of gay and lesbian persons in our society, Michael Phair has become a champion of de-normalizing another group of persons; people who smoke. That is hypocrisy.

What is de-normalization? According to documents created by participants in

a Health Canada de-normalization conference; "De-normalization, in the context of social behaviour, aims to change attitudes toward what is generally regarded as normal or acceptable behaviour, including through social marketing. When attitudes change, behaviour will also change because humans generally want to act in ways that are acceptable to others."

In other words, de-normalization is about turning previously acceptable behaviours into socially unacceptable behaviours. This is achieved by manipulating people's attitudes toward the behaviour through "social marketing".

What is "social marketing"? It is a polite way of saying that professional public relations and advertising companies will be (have been) hired, to manipulate people into "buying" new attitudes toward smoking, just as they create campaigns which manipulate people into buying new products. As we all know, this is not done by extolling the virtue of the product itself (or the real facts about the health dangers of second-hand smoke),

but by associating the product with other desirable things in people's minds. Cars are sold by associating them with freedom, independence, sexual attractiveness, power, and other "values" that the target audience might hold.

Public smoking bans are "sold" to municipal representatives, in a similar manner - by associating them with "leadership", "saving lives", "preventing deaths", and other values held by the target audience of municipal representatives.

As a champion of the gay and lesbian community,

Phair knows better than most people how powerful an organized lobby with millions of dollars to spend and support of the media and various professional bodies - such as "Focus on the Family", (or "Action on Smoking and Health"), can be. He knows how we were victimized by exactly the kind of de-normalization processes now being employed against smokers and smoking. He also knows, better than most, that claims of "we're not against the person, just their behaviour" - whether aimed at gay and lesbian persons or at people who smoke - is a serious crock of nonsense.

People have said to us, that de-normalizing people who smoke is a matter of protecting

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the public from the health risks of second-hand smoke and that the public smoking bans are therefore a completely different issue. "Protection of the public's health" has also been, and continues to be, a dominant 'reason' why gay men should never be allowed to be "normal" in our society, put forth by the lobby groups that continue to oppose full social normalcy for gay and lesbian people. HIV-AIDS continues to be spread, in part, by unprotected gay sex and this is used as a pretext for denying us our full citizenship and dignity in Canada today. Michael Phair knows this.

Michael Phair has been a willing - even eager participant in employing de-normalization processes against another group in our

society. He seems to have forgotten what it was like for us to live as de-normalized people.

We could never support Bill Smith, no matter how wide a collection of interests he might represent, and now we cannot support Phair. The most important moral and philosophical distinction between them has apparently vanished. We are heartbroken, about that. Believe me.

Robin Gaison  
Edmonton

Bob Roberts  
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## City to Honour Gay Marriage Activists at Benefit

In response to President Bush's proclamation in support of "Marriage Protection Week", a right-wing Christian campaign to push for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution barring same-sex unions, City Council Member Christine Quinn has been instrumental in a city proclamation honouring two international leaders in the movement for gay marriage.

Judge Harvey Brownstone of Toronto, Canada and Kees Waaldijk, a lawyer from Amsterdam, Holland, will be presented their honours Thursday evening at a benefit for a marriage rights documentary called Tying the Knot. "Judge Brownstone and Mr. Waaldijk have been an incredible force in bringing attention to the inequities in marriage law abroad and in the United States," commented tying the Knot director Jim de Sève. "We

are thrilled that the city has spoken in favour of equal treatment for lesbian and gay couples by presenting these awards."

De Sève also spoke on a presidential proclamation by George W. Bush in support of "Marriage Protection Week", saying, "Marriage protection week is a dangerous political misnomer. This proclamation does nothing to strengthen families or the commitment two people seek in marriage. Moderate voters will see through the president's attempts to placate the right at the expense of gay and lesbian couples and families."

Brownstone, an openly gay Canadian judge played a large role in the opening of marriage in Ontario. Waaldijk, a lecturer at Leiden University in the Netherlands was the chief legal counsel in the push to open marriage in that country. Marriage was legalized for gays in lesbians in parts of Canada earlier this year. Holland opened marriage in 2001. Currently, marriage for gays is not legal in any state in the United States.

The honors and benefit, co-hosted by Broadway icon Arthur Laurents and Andrew Tobias, the openly gay treasurer of the Democrats, will be held at Lichtenstein Ambassador to the United Nations Christian Wenanweser's official residence in Manhattan

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# Speaking of "Normal"

**By Liz Massiah,  
MSW, RSW  
Clinical Social  
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"It's not fair", she said. "What on earth do you mean, fair, who the hell taught you life would be fair", responded her partner. And the fight was on in my office once more.

The notions of fair and of being fair are commonly tossed about, but not often with a lot of clarity. Often it seems to me that fair comes into play when we don't get our way, when we think our piece of cake is unjustly smaller than someone else's piece. The corner piece with all the icing, not getting that is really unfair to icing lovers.

Fair generally means that something is just and equitable, which does not necessarily mean the same as or identical to. Families with kids of different ages run into this one over bedtime and privileges all the time. It's not fair that the five year old goes to bed before the ten year old, or so it seems to the five year old. And it may be fair that the kids get different sized pieces of cake, depending on who likes the cake the most. Or maybe not, cause if we divvy out different sized pieces depending on unexamined beliefs, we likely will end up in a muddle.

Couples with greatly different incomes have to grapple with this, what is equitable, just and fair in their financial arrangements, given that one

person makes six figures and the other makes four. What is really not fair is when they don't talk about it, end up in my office or split because of their stubbornly rigid views.

Often helping folks notice that they are acting like kids squabbling over the cake helps put things in perspective and a conversation can begin. Cause we all want to see ourselves as mature and reasonable people not spoiled brats. But we often act like spoiled brats and wonder why our adult relationships don't work.

Fair is not necessarily equal; it suggests a considered response to a situation, to ensure that one person is not being unnecessarily disadvantaged. Note the word, "unnecessarily". If we intentionally do something to disadvantage someone, then that is not considered fair. But if it is easier for one person to do something because of some natural or well developed ability, such as able to run faster, reach tall places more easily, or sort out the computer problems, then the differences are fair.

But if it just because one person is too lazy, or too selfish or too narcissistic to move her butt off the couch and do or contribute her share, then that could be considered unfair. Or if it is that one child is always favoured over another, then perhaps that is not fair either.

In my office, the words, 'not fair' are not usually said in kind and understanding tones, more often than not, they are the precursor to a disagreement AKA one heck of a fight. But rather than just consider them to be fighting words, it helps to see them as a red flag that someone feels unjustly treated, not fully considered or not included in the decision or process. And so is falling back

onto the language of the child that lurks within each of us, while pretending to be a reasonable adult.

Often we have a sense of entitlement, that everything should be the same for everyone. And that is a not a really useful notion. We are all different, and our lives are thus different. We don't all need to be the same, we just need to have equitable and reasonable access to whatever it is we need, note that I say need, not want. Fairness needs and wants often end up in confused muddles.

And sorting out need from want is often where the rubber hits the road, so to speak. For we think we need all sorts of things, all sorts of opportunities, all sorts of privileges but they are likely just wants, not needs.

In relationships, couples often struggle with sorting out what is a need, what is a want. More often than not, when the word

fair is thrown around, the conflict is about a want being mistaken for a need, then exaggerated out of proportion. Next come the words of entitlement, I deserve," another red flag. "Says who" is my usual response. That usually produces lots of silence, often some thoughtfulness, and then usually some discussion that can lead to change. Learning that certain words are really just code is very helpful. Then we can learn to respond to the code as a signal, not an attack. And real change happens when we understand the code for what it is and work from there.

When life seems unfair, pay attention to your needs and wants and try to sort them out.

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# GLCCE Appeals to Community for More Support

*By Tamsin Bohnet*

The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton began providing services to our community when it first opened its doors in 1971. In the thirty-two years since, the social and political landscape has changed considerably, and many more people of all ages and backgrounds are coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. As the mainstream media has begun increasingly to focus on sexuality and gender related issues, people especially youth – are turning to GLCCE for community and support. “Over 200 people come into GLCCE during each month and access various services and resources,” says Arron Kardolus, GLCCE’s program administrator. “GLCCE receives over 70 phone inquiries per month, and provides approximately 50 referrals each month to local businesses and organizations in the community. Our free community meeting space also houses between 10 and 20 meetings for community groups and organizations each month.”

GLCCE’s most important and frequently accessed

services are its drop-in centre and peer support service. During drop-in hours, anyone is welcome to access the library, search for information on the computers, or chat with volunteer hosts or other guests. Peer support sessions are also available to anyone who needs them, and are conducted in person at the centre or via telephone or e-mail. Peer support volunteers are trained through a specially developed GLCCE program. Sessions focus on giving people the opportunity to talk through issues that affect them and to find their own solutions.

Both these services are provided entirely by GLCCE volunteers. In fact, GLCCE volunteers have been providing outreach services since the centre opened. “The past efforts and of volunteers and board members are great examples of what can be done but we simply can’t keep asking the same people to do all the work,” says Steve Rowan, GLCCE co-chair. Both volunteer and financial support for the centre has been decreasing in the last few years. “The growth of community groups like Youth Understanding Youth, Outreach and the Pride Committee give people options other than GLCCE,” says Rowan. “That’s a great sign that our community is growing, but the flip-side for GLCCE is that, once people who are likely to volunteer are introduced to the community, they move on to other groups or simply

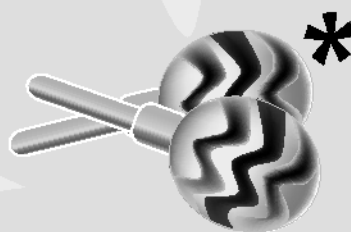
find their place in the wider community. That leaves a gap in volunteer and financial support that we have to fill. If we don’t find a way of filling this gap, the community centre may not be there for the people who need it most.”

Despite these obstacles, however, GLCCE remains committed to providing drop-in space and peer support services to Edmonton’s lgbt community for at least the next few months. To that end, by December 31 of this year, GLCCE hopes to meet four important goals: to raise \$10 000 in donations, to receive more pledges for 2004 to help meet the \$50 000 annual operating costs, to recruit another 40 hours per month of new volunteer time, and to fill board and committee vacancies. A special general

meeting is planned for later in 2003. The annual general meeting of GLCCE members is planned for January. It’s at this meeting that the results of the fundraising and volunteer recruitment drive will be provided to members - including options for the future of GLCCE.

“We’re confident that the community will realize the need for a group like GLCCE and people will get involved,” says Rowan. “The response so far has been great. Corporate sponsors like The King and I, Molson, Buddy’s and many more have all been there for us. The thing that surprised us most was how little effort it takes to get people on board once they know what we do and what we have planned. I guess the key now is just to get the word out and to motivate the community into taking some action.”

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# Play Hard

By Arlene Field

Why is it so vital for some people to not grasp their true identities and retaliate in such fashions that make for a definite miserable existence? So many negative souls, wandering the earth, finding all things in their path to be troublesome or not worth the while Seeking out bad energy and exuding nothing but that. Holding onto all experiences they have encountered with doubt or asking for the reasons why, To take charge and know what develops or arises is your destiny, only yours, be responsible to it, allow all that comes and goes your way to be cherished, trusted and valued.

So little time we are all given to find inner peace, respect,

happiness, and a sense of purpose, such meager offerings we give to ourselves, but so free to judge and criticize those we fear. What gives so many souls the right to think of others so carelessly? As if their lives need conforming to be equivalent to that of yours? Uniqueness is an individual's possession that is earned, the drive within that compels us to be special and have something that is only ours. To accept, YOU, for who you are, where you are, what you are, and fully be aware at all times of lessons shown previous and new ones that lay ahead on your journey.

Forgive those that need forgiveness; there are reasons why they have crossed your path. Live with integrity, patience, compassion, be loyal and a friendly sort, always remain positive that there is good in all and trust your judgment, negativity can come to us in many shapes, be just as strong as the word sounds, and give it no respect, none warranted.

"Be good and you will be rewarded" we hear as children, no truer words spoken. As adults our rewards are so simple and desirous, positive outcomes, happiness, pride, etc. not bad energy and negativity, makes bad thoughts stimulate the brain, no smiles and conditions are then implied. Good souls, so many of them, connecting with other good souls, and appreciating your connection, because after all it is good, not evil. Feel the power that over takes your senses, wonderment, amazement, beauty, joy, satisfaction, maybe even that tingly sensation you get all over your body that makes you shudder in delight, all that! Just because everyday you gave all, only positive thoughts and good energy.

I as one soul, a good kind soul, treat people with the same regard I hope for myself. This is all I ask for kindness and respect, as I will freely hand to

you, with no conditions, exceptions or greed, freely unbiased and respectful of who you are, as we are all equals here. Some with talents and gifts, some with insight and Wisdom, some young, some old, all sizes, all colors, all whatever, but those of us who have the faith to believe in humankind and the strength and power that faith provides, can and will exist harmoniously with those of all kinds. Hate and bitterness are words that are very powerful. I choose to accept and take responsibility, not assign blame elsewhere for convenience or justification for my own sake. To be a "woman of my word" and state this with the up most conviction, an open heart, an open mind, open arms, I can only give, as I need so much to receive the same right back!

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# Coming Out

Ok here goes, my name is Gareth and I'm 19 years old and I live in Devon in a small town, which isn't exactly full of gay men for me to interact with. I'm writing this because I've found that reading other peoples stories has really helped me to feel a sense of belonging for the first time in my life, so it's only fair that I do the same if only to help one person decide that they're not completely alone.

I came to terms with the fact that I was gay quite a few years ago but growing up in a town with no visible gays and having a deeply homophobic ignorant father has stopped me even considering telling anyone until quite recently. I have a lot of good friends and we all went to secondary school together which I got through relatively unharmed because of my ability to blend in with my straight mates. But of course all the time my attraction to other males was getting stronger. I even had a couple of girlfriends, one of them was arguably one of the best looking girls in the school and there were quite a few jealous males, which just made it worse for me. Of course I was too scared to progress into much of a relationship with her and consequently fucked the whole thing up leaving a lot of people wondering what the hell was wrong with me, if only I could have told them, instead I ended up looking like a sad case who couldn't

keep a girlfriend for more than two weeks!

Anyway GCSEs came to an end and a level meant going to a new college. College didn't go as well as it should have because I think all the time I was feeling more and more socially separated, I often got depressed and spent a lot of time in my room. My attendance at college was affected leaving the teachers thinking I couldn't give a shit. I'm angry that I couldn't tell them I had serious problems coping with my life, but the prospect of coming out still seemed completely un viable.

Whilst I was at college I started a part time job and found out at the interview that my

manager was gay, because it was completely obvious. You are probably thinking that I've confided in him since I started work there a year and a half ago but your wrong. He's not the really inspiring gay man

gay because I'm afraid he will treat it as a game, I can't be sure though.

I left college over a year ago with ok A levels despite my difficult time in college but

never applied to university because I was still trying to get to grips with myself and never felt stable enough to make any real decisions about

my life. I've changed inside over the past year, and now feel surer of who and what I am. Various things helped me to accomplish this including the growing amount of television programs

## Various things helped me

that I've been waiting to meet all my life, instead he helped reinforce all of the typical stereotypes of a gay man that I've grown sick of hearing. I don't hate him because of this but I don't want to tell him I'm

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reflecting real gay life (at last), the Internet with sites like this one and a realisation that more and more people are accepting homosexuality as an acceptable (sort of) way of life.

About 3 weeks ago I dreamt that my mum knew I was gay (also that I kissed a gorgeous bloke) and the next day to my amazement I told her I was gay!! It was the most difficult thing I've ever had to do, I actually forced her to say it to me because I couldn't physically say "mum, I'm gay" no matter how much I tried. Up until a week ago I was in two minds if I had done the right thing because it devastated her quite badly. She's not homophobic; I just think she's so worried about how it will affect my life and the family. My family up until now has been sickeningly normal with all my cousins' just finding girlfriends and getting married etc. But I'm different, ha, it really makes

me laugh, their faces when they find out, shock won't begin to describe it. Of course it's my mum I feel sorry for because she can't even turn to my dad



because of his ignorance, I really don't care what he thinks of me but she does.

Then a week later I went to a party with my mate and his girlfriend and I met a couple of her gay mates, one was weird but the other one I was instantly

attracted to. He seemed so confident with himself and was really sexy as well! Occasionally I saw a hint of loneliness in his eyes

that I recognised from my own eyes, I really wanted to grab him and help him, and kiss him as well but I couldn't because I'm still sat there being straight. It makes me so angry. I can't stop thinking

about him; I just want to talk with him for hours about his life. I need to be close to someone.

Anyway, like I said things are looking up because I have much more confidence now. I've

applied to uni at last and will be going this year, which I'm really looking forward to now. Obviously I plan to lead a completely out, gay life and really enjoy myself. If anyone doesn't want to know me because I'm gay that's their problem, but I'm confident I'll make a lot of friends anyway because I always do.

That leaves me with the small task of telling my friends at home in the meantime. I can't predict how they will all react but I think most of them will accept it because they are such good friends. And if any of them ever end up reading this, I never want to lose any of you, you know who you are.

Last I'll just say that I will probably end up meeting that guy again quite soon and I'll probably end up just jumping on him in front of everyone, f\*\*k the consequences, why shouldn't I?

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## **Edmonton Prime Timers**

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## **Gay & Lesbian Centre**

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lent way to get to know people. Northern Titans bowls at Gateway Rec. Centre, 100 3414 Gateway Blvd Edmonton. For more information call Peter at 483-1075 - Or email at [northern\\_titans@hotmail.com](mailto:northern_titans@hotmail.com)

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## **Youth Understanding Youth**

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## **Regional Organizations**

### **Grande Prairie**

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The members and friends of Lambda Christian Community Church are deeply saddened and angered as we continue to learn about the fearful, hate motivated and cruel circumstances of the deaths of transgendered men and women around the world.

In our prayers we reach out in love and sympathy to families and friends. In our prayers we reach out to hold in our hearts all the trans-identified people in the world, that they might know such cruelty and injustice is not the last word; that there is reason to hope for a world transformed by love and understanding.

In our prayers we reach out to those who perpetrate these crimes and other violence against transgendered people, that they might take responsibility for their actions, and that their punishment be just and humane. In our prayers we ask God to heal the feelings of revenge and fury; to transform our response to these horrors into a passion for change and reconciliation among all people.

Over the past eight years we have gained even greater understanding about the call for us and for other churches to truly welcome people of all gender identities, as well as lesbian, gay and bisexual people. We've also become clearer about the necessity of the church to speak out immediately to protect transgender people. Transgender and gender-variant people were excluded in Bill C-250. The failure of politically positioned people and organizations to work to ensure that the Bill addressed all people in our community for the sake of “political expediency”, has made it increasingly clear that it is necessary for all “true allies” to work for the extension of civil rights protections to include transgender and gender-variant persons. We have also learned that transphobia not only exists, but is in fact widespread in the GLBTTIQQ community, the very community many trans-identi-

fied people call their own. We have learned that the lives and well being of other human beings are at risk and cannot wait until people understand fully their prejudices and fears.

These deaths are a shocking reminder of the fear, prejudice and



ignorance that fuel the power of hate to diminish and destroy life. These events also cry out to us that this is not what God intends. There is much work to be done before we attain the vision of God's community - This is not a time for silence, indifference and complacency. It is a time for speaking out and listening; it is a time for compassion and solidarity; it is a time for learning, advocacy and risking new ways of being community."

There have been 35 trans-related deaths since November 20, 2002. This

is almost a 50% increase over the number killed last year and substantially higher than the annual average of trans-related murders over the past decade. The Day of Remembrance is an annual event held now in five countries: Canada, United States, Australia, France and Italy to memorialize persons killed during the preceding year. This year, for the first time, a Transgender Day of Remembrance service will be held in Edmonton on Thursday, November 20, 2003.

We will not be part of the silence that allows such violence to grow. We will not stand by while versions of hate, both subtle and blatant, continue to proliferate.

We will not be silent and watch the propagation of hate in our own community. We will stand against hate justified by interpretations of Christian scripture and faith that does not represent what we believe, nor the faith of most Christians. There are resources that can help people learn and respond.

It is our hope that everyone in this city, province, country and around the world would take to heart the truth that there is no reason to remain in the dark about the transgender realities among us. We can learn, we can grow and we can act.

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## Tenth Anniversary of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

Washington, D.C. – Sunday, November 30th will mark ten years since President Clinton signed the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual service members into law. In the decade since the military's gay ban went into effect, almost ten thousand men and women have been fired under the ban at a cost of more than \$260 million to American taxpayers.

Editors considering tenth anniversary coverage may want to report on several

recent stories, which provide perspective on the policy's history and its future: Service Members Discharged Under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Speak Out. A number of men and women discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" during the past decade are available for media interviews, including: Cathleen Glover, a discharged Arabic language specialist; Airman Andre Taylor, the victim of a widespread Air Force witch hunt in Hawaii; Timothy McVeigh, who faced discharge based on his America Online profile; and Steve May, an Army Reserve Lieutenant and Arizona State Legislator who faced discharge based on remarks made on the floor of the Arizona legislature. Parents of PFC Barry Winchell and Seaman Allen Schindler, both murdered in anti-gay hate crimes within the military, are also available for interviews.

President Clinton Issues Statement Condemning Military's Gay Ban, In his strongest denunciation of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" to date, former President Bill Clinton says that "Simply put, there is no evidence to support a ban on gays in the military." The written statement was made to Service members Legal Defence Network (SLDN) earlier this month. President Clinton also

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says, "discrimination is unfair, and it unfairly restricts the talent pool available to the military – and that diminishes our security." Experiences of Foreign Militaries Undermine Gay Ban, Exhaustive research by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM), at UC-Santa Barbara, disputes the Pentagon's assertions that repealing the gay ban would impact unit cohesion or military effectiveness. Comprehensive studies on the Canadian, Israeli and British militaries shows that, lifting the gay ban has been a non-event for American allies.

Retired Military Leaders Speak Out Against "Don't

Ask, Don't Tell." In recent articles, Dr. Michael Rankin, a retired Navy captain and Vietnam veteran and retired Admiral John Hutson have sharply criticized the military's gay ban. Rankin calls continued justifications for the military's gay ban "insulting to our service men and women," while Hutson noted that Admiral Hutson wrote that "It would be a great tragedy if we didn't take advantage of [Lawrence v. Texas] to correct a flawed policy. Military personnel in 2003 have reached a level of maturity and tolerance that undermines the earlier 'unit cohesion' arguments."

(Their full comments are available at [www.sldn.org](http://www.sldn.org)).

# Anti-same sex Marriage Rally

## A Summary

By Colin Muir

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to attend the anti-same sex rally organized by the Canadian Family Action Coalition at the Edmonton Legislature. I was, of course, attending to show my support for the same-sex marriage legislation and to support other gay and lesbian members in our community. It was my first rally, and I have to admit I was very nervous at first. But it wasn't long before I was chanting and showing support in any way I could. I found myself defending some fellow protestors who were being harassed by individuals on the other side of the issue.

Is the goal of a protest not to voice your opinion and exercise your right to free speech? I have encountered individuals since the rally that expressed disgust at our presence, commenting that we had no right to be there. This is in fact a misnomer. We had every

right to attend and exercise our rights as Canadian citizens to voice our collective disapproval of the rally. People have also commented that rallies are useless to promote change in the governing body. How easily people forget the civil rights movements in the United States, and the changes brought about by civil action during that time. Proponents of that argument will cite rioting as the major action that prompted the changes, but civilized protest should never be abandoned as a method of eliciting change.

**Had you been present, you may have seen Bill Whatcott on the steps of the Legislature building. You may have seen him wearing the white shirt demoting homosexuality. I did not know who he was, until I saw him on a news broadcast today. His relevance may remain a mystery to you, but I am sure you have seen the anti-gay propaganda being distributed in several mail boxes in the Edmonton area, for which he is responsible. This is not his first crime against our community, as he has been involved in anti-gay sentiment in Saskatchewan. Some of you may remember his 15 minutes of fame as he marched in front of the Regina gay pride parade in**

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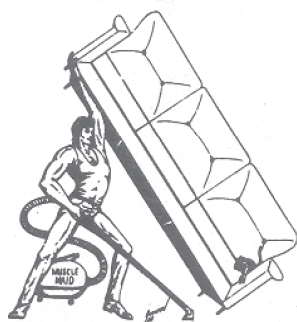
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Until next time...



The bouquet of anti-gay  
sentiment was not limited  
to Bill Whatcott, but also  
included several members  
of various religious groups  
denouncing gays and  
lesbians. One preacher

statement is proof of the  
deeply rooted religious  
fanaticism surrounding the  
anti-same sex marriage  
legislation. While I am sure  
that my opinion is biased, I  
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## Hearing Problems

A man told his doctor, "I don't think my wife's hearing is as good as it used to be. What should I do?" The doctor replied, "Try this test first. When your wife is at the sink doing dishes, stand fifteen feet behind her and ask her a question. If she doesn't respond, keep moving closer, asking the question until she hears you." He went home and saw his wife preparing dinner. Standing fifteen feet behind her he said, "What's for dinner, honey?" Hearing no reply, he moved up to ten feet behind her and repeated the question. Still no reply, so he moved to five feet. Finally he stood directly behind her and said, "Honey, what's for dinner tonight?" She turned around and yelled in his face, "For the fourth time, I SAID CHICKEN, you deaf old goat!"

## The Kangaroo

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. Knowing that he could hop pretty high, the zoo officials put up a ten-foot fence. However, the next morning the kangaroo was out again, just roaming around the zoo. The zoo officials raised the height of the fence to twenty feet. Again, however, the next morning the kangaroo was again roaming around the zoo. This kept on, night after night, until the fence was sixty feet high. Finally, the camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo, "How high do you think they'll go?" The kangaroo replied, "Probably a hundred feet, unless somebody starts locking the gate at night!"

## The Chairperson

Our architectural school had been without a department chairperson for

two years, and students were growing frustrated at the lengthy process of choosing a new candidate. Finally a group of students sent a message to the dean. He arrived at school one morning to find 50 seats stacked up in front of his office. A sign read, "Pick a chair!"

## Horse and Chicken

A horse and a chicken are playing in a meadow. The horse falls into a mud hole and is sinking. He calls to the chicken to go and get the farmer to help pull him out to safety. The chicken runs to the farm but the farmer can't be found. So he drives the farmer's Mercedes back to the mud hole and ties some rope around the bumper. He then throws the other end of the rope to his friend, the horse, and drives the car forward saving him from sinking! A few days later, the chicken and horse are playing in the meadow again and the chicken falls into the mud hole. The chicken yells to the horse to go and get some help from the farmer. The horse says, "I think I can stand over the hole!" So he stretches over the width of the hole and says, "Grab for my 'thingy' and pull yourself up." And the chicken did and pulled himself to safety. The moral of the story: If you are hung like a horse, you don't need a Mercedes to pick up a chick.

## When the Truth Prevails

A drunken man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with ruby red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the priest

and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?" The priest replied, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol and a contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of bath." The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned," then returned to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

## Another Blonde

There are 3 women at this bar. A blonde, a brunette and a red head. They walk into the women's bathroom. On the mirror, in small print, a note says, "If you say something honest about yourself, you will be rewarded. And if you lie, you will vanish forever." The brunette says, "I think I have the most beautiful head of hair." Poof, she vanishes forever. The red head says, "I think I have the most beautiful body." Poof, she vanishes forever. The blonde says, "I think..." Poof.

## Grin and Wear It

So Jimmy went to confession, on Saturday morning. Bless me father for I have sinned. What have you done my child? Oh father, my boyfriend and I made love 5 times last night, what do I do to cleanse my soul? My son, I want you to go home squeeze 4 lemons in a glass and drink the juice. Will that cleanse my soul father? No but it will take that stupid grin off your face.

## It's our life

Two gay men decide to have a baby. They mix their sperm, and then have

a surrogate mother artificially inseminated. When the baby is born, they rush to the hospital. Two dozen babies are in the ward, 23 of which are crying and screaming. One, over in the corner, is smiling serenely. A nurse comes by, and to the gays' delight, she points out the happy child as theirs. "Isn't it wonderful?" Brad exclaims. "All these unhappy children, and ours is so happy." The nurse says, "He's happy now... but just wait until we take the pacifier out of his ass."

#### The benefit of Variety

The bartender served a woman a glass of orange juice. The man sitting on the adjacent stool turned

to her and said, "This is a special day, and I'm celebrating". "I'm celebrating, too," she replied, clinking glasses with him. "What are you celebrating?" he asked. "For years I've been trying to have a child," she answered. "Today my gynaecologist told me I'm p r e g n a n t . " "Congratulations," the man said, lifting his glass. "I'm celebrating similar good fortune. As it happens I'm a chicken farmer. For months all my hens had been infertile. Their fertility problem has been solved... finally fertile." "How did it happen?" asked the woman. "I switched cocks," said the man. "What a coincidence," she replied.

An elephant says to a camel, "Everyone has boobs on their chest. How come you have them on your back? To which the camel replies, "Look who's talking, the guy with a dick on his face.

#### Bad bird. No Cracker.

A woman went to a pet shop and immediately spotted a large beautiful parrot. There was a sign on the cage that said \$50.00. "Why so little," she asked the pet storeowner. The owner looked at her and said, "Look, I should tell you first that this bird used to live in a house of prostitution, and sometimes it says some pretty vulgar stuff. "The

woman thought about this, but decided she had to have the bird anyway. She took it home and hung the bird's cage up in her living room and waited for it to say something. The bird looked around the room, then at her, and said, "New house, new madam." The woman was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought, "That's not so bad. "When her two teenage daughters returned from school the bird saw them and said, "New house, new madam, new whores. "The girls and the woman were a bit offended but then began to laugh about the situation. Moments later, the woman's husband, Keith, came home from work. The bird looked at him and said, "Hi Keith."



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# On the Fringe of Being GAY

By: *Bob Mills*

I sat at our local Fringe theatre festival with my partner on Saturday. We were pleasantly relaxing, sipping on a beer in the hot sun, looking out at all the “eye candy”. Mostly, though, we were enjoying the scantily clad men of all ages, many shirtless.

We had a thought provoking discussion of no longer being able to recognize the gay symbols we once used as a barometer on who is gay and who is not. You know signs and signals of someone else being gay. Seeing the obvious symbols, strangers would nod and smile. That was how we gay men communicated casually with others who were gay. It was a 60s, 70s, 80s thing. There use to be the very obvious earring in the (left) ear, perhaps the open button on the 501's (he is looking), and even the hanky code - and I never really understood them except then in San Francisco - you have to there.

Gay men were the trendsetters, so picking gay men out in a crowd was a matter of paying attention to the symbols. You know the skinhead look and the streaked or dyed hair, perms and military buzz cuts. There were baseball caps that fit the head, pony tails outside the caps, muscle shirts, chain wallets, ripped jeans, baskets assisted by the use of cock rings, sleeves

rolled up on white T-shirts, very snug muscle shirts, plaid flannel anything, designer belts with glitter and piercings for all to view.

Today, straight men pierce whatever, dye their hair (hair color products for young men are advertised on the sides of buses) and shave their legs, chests, and arms. I guess we should have taken a trademark.

Today, we sat near to a group of brazen young men talking about and showing off their pierced nipples and the majority had both done. One even mentioned his hatred of the idea and offered to personally twist off any ones ring that got too close to him. One man was talking about his pierced “member”. My ears pricked up only to hear

him finish with, my girlfriend almost refused me when I first met her. A couple of the men had very nicely dyed and frosted tips on their hair, and almost all of them had one ear if not two ears pierced.



In catching a few back ends each time one went to let out more beer, we noticed shorts with studded belts, black work boots with white socks, and even a red hanky tip in one of the nicest butts I have seen in a long time. And a yellow hanky worn by typical Alberta Red Neck.

One of the loudest young men (perhaps a closet case) calling out to his friends when they were nowhere near to returning to the table actually wore a Hawaiian Tom Sellick shirt. I would say these guys were in their early 20's. I thought, if they were in Wyoming, they might all be dead by now.

The Edmonton Fringe, the largest in the world, is a 10 day theatre, fine arts and entertainment event, all live and with many performances

right on the street and parks near by. It happens to draw a bit more of an unusual crowd, not the “norm”. Many of the performers and participants are either gay or certainly pay little attention to who is and who is not. But when the messages and signals are mixed, well, we gay men who grew up in the 60's and 70's, might just try to pick up the wrong person and then watch out! I would hate to think what New York Villagers, or Castro Street boys would think - I thought almost every male looked gay - or gave off that signal to my Gay-Dar. How about these definitions borrowed from HBO's “Sex In the City”: Perhaps these can help us grasp on to the 90s before they end.

**GAY STRAIGHT MAN** - A man who is sexually attracted to and sleeps with women, but as a result of living in NYC and an overexposure to fashion, gourmet markets, and the like, exhibits the outward qualities of a gay man.

**STRAIGHT GAY MAN** - A man who is sexually attracted to a sleeps with men, but enjoys watching and participating in activities such as basketball, hockey and football. From what I can tell, much of “street fashion” comes from the gay and black communities, eventually being appropriated by straight white guys.

Whatever happened to “Straight acting” Straight looking”? But we are in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the “Montreal” of the west when Fringe comes to town.

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# Parliament Rejects Alliance Anti- Gay Marriage Bill

**Questions rose  
about chasm  
between Alliance  
and PC Social  
Policy**

On Friday, October 24, Parliament finalized its rejection of Alliance MP Grant Hill's private members' bill to exclude same-sex couples from legal marriage.

"Hill's Bill violates two of the four Parliamentary prohibitions on private

members' bills", stated Laurie Arron, Political Coordinator for Canadians for Equal Marriage. "First, bills must not violate the Constitution. Courts in Ontario, B.C. and Quebec all agree it's unconstitutional to exclude same-sex couples from legal marriage. Second, bills and motions must not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones already voted on by the House of Commons in the current session of Parliament. Introducing this bill just two days after the defeat of the Alliance motion is simply an abuse of process."

Hill's Bill was introduced on September 18, just two days after the defeat of the

"non-votable", and Mr. Hill was not able to obtain the required support to appeal to the full House by the October 24 deadline.

Such tactics, as forcing a private member's bill to exclude lesbians and gays from equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, while in keeping with Alliance Party principles, do not fit well into beliefs of many Progressive Conservatives.

**Official Alliance policy defines marriage as "the union of a man and a woman". And narrowly defines family as**

Marriage. "They don't even want to recognize opposite-sex common-law partners. My guess is that the Alliance membership would not readily relinquish this commitment to social conservatism, but it will be anathema to many Tories. At a minimum, the members of both parties have a right to know what they are voting for."

"It's important for Canadians to know if Stephen Harper wants the new party's constitution to include the Alliance's discriminatory and unconstitutional definition of family," added Munter. "What is Peter MacKay's position regarding such a provision - does he acknowledge that



Alliance's motion on the same subject. The Procedures and House Affairs Committee declared Bill C-447 to be

**individuals related by blood, adoption or marriage." Alliance MPs are bound to vote according to this policy.**

"The Alliance is the only party which has an official policy refusing to recognize non-traditional relationships," said Alex Munter, Co-Chair of Canadians for Equal

discriminatory policies have no place in the future of the Conservative movement? Will gay and lesbian Conservatives have any place in a united party? Can both leaders commit that gay and lesbian Conservatives who vote for a merger will not be opting into a Party of Prejudice?"

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# New Zealand Presbyterians Celebrate Breakthrough Decision on Gay Ministers

St Andrew's on The Terrace, a Presbyterian church in Wellington, home parish of lesbian woman Deborah Gordon, is celebrating the decision of the Presbyterian Church that there is no barrier to her candidacy. Ms. Gordon's application for ministry training had been strongly supported by St Andrew's on The Terrace and by Wellington Presbytery. "At St Andrew's on The Terrace, we have benefited greatly from Deborah's ministry of music, teaching, liturgy, preaching and care," says Douglas Wood, convenor of the St Andrew's Parish Council. "We believe she has gifts and abilities that fit her for ordained ministry and are delighted she will have the opportunity to be assessed for ministry training in the very near future."

All gay and lesbian members of the Presbyterian Church have cause for celebration. The Judicial Commission, which made the decision clearing the way for Ms Gordon to be assessed, considered the status of decisions and policies made on the issue over recent years. It concluded that a 1999 legal opinion that the Church had decided not to allow gays and lesbians in leadership roles was wrong. The Judicial Commission confirmed the Church's 1994 decision that there are currently no specific regulations barring the ordination of homosexual people.

"This is an overwhelmingly wonderful moment in the life of the Presbyterian Church," says Rev Dr Margaret Mayman, the minister of St Andrew's on The Terrace. "For gay and lesbian Presbyterians it is a welcome home, an honouring that we are members of the church with the same rights and responsibilities as everyone else. We have come to this day through the commitment of many gay and lesbian people who have struggled to remain in a church that had declared us second class Christians. I am thankful for Deborah's courage and for the dedication of all the gay and straight Presbyterians who have struggled to see our church become whole again," Dr Mayman said. Dr. Mayman last year became the first openly gay or lesbian minister to be accepted into a new Presbyterian parish. St Andrew's on The Terrace declared itself an inclusive church in 1991.

# Senators Question MG Clark's Leadership

Washington, DC – Service members Legal Defence Network (SLDN) has learned that a vote on the controversial nomination of Major General Robert T. Clark is expected on Thursday following a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee at 9:30am. If the Committee approves MG Clark's nomination, he will face a vote by the full Senate concerning his promotion to Lieutenant General, the Army's second highest rank. A Senate confirmation would place Clark in command of the Fifth United States Army, based at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

MG Clark issued no statements against anti-gay harassment, refused to speak with or meet the parents of PFC Winchell for four years after their son's death. He also failed to reassure base soldiers that anti-gay harassment would not be tolerated, leading Senators to question President Bush's nomination. "There is compelling evidence that there were problems at this base," Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), a member of the Armed Services Committee, recently told NBC Nightly News. Other Senators told NBC that, in private meetings, "MG Clark portrayed himself as the victim, claiming his character was being maligned," leading one Republican Senator to confide that, "The General still doesn't get it." "The question before the Armed Services Committee is whether Major General Clark lived up to his responsibilities to my son, and the sons and daughters under his watch," said Patricia Kutteles, PFC Winchell's mother. "The answer is no. He failed to stop harassment under his watch. Beyond the courts-martial, he failed to hold a single soldier accountable for the dangerous atmosphere on his base. He failed to take even the most basic steps – such as ensuring 911 emergency services – to protect his soldiers. His nomination should be rejected." The Senate Armed Services Committee should insist President Bush find a better candidate for this prestigious post."

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# Protesters Disrupt War Spin

Pentagon's Wolfowitz hounded with calls for resignation

By MICK MEENAN

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz spoke at the New School in Greenwich Village on Sunday, September 21, and generated a firestorm of protest from an audience that frequently disrupted the event.

Wolfowitz was participating in a three-day series of events sponsored by the New Yorker magazine. Jeffrey Goldberg, a deputy editor and correspondent, engaged Wolfowitz in a 90-

minute conversation that focused on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as the administration's anti-terrorism policies.

A day before Congress would hear testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, the administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, on the administration's request for \$87 billion for continued operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Wolfowitz offered an unwavering defense of the Bush administration's war efforts.

A loud chorus of boos and shouts of "war criminal" greeted Wolfowitz as he walked onto the stage. While others in the packed auditorium applauded Wolfowitz throughout his presentation, protesters kept up their loud dissent.

Sharply dressed plainclothes security officers, with closely cropped hair and speaking into electronic communications devices, lined the wings of the stage.

Some initial catcalling prompted Dieskau Reed, the New School's security director, to announce that anyone who continued to interrupt the event would be removed. Defense Department security personnel and security officers from the New School eventually removed six people from the auditorium.

Goldberg introduced Wolfowitz as "the most famous and controversial deputy secretary in the history of the executive branch."

As the second-ranking official in the Pentagon, defense policy experts have called Wolfowitz the architect of the Iraq war.

Before Goldberg finished his introduction, a protester stood up and shouted, "We live in a free society!"

"Iraqis now have this freedom," Wolfowitz said dismissively, in an attempt to deflect the air of hostility.

Shortly thereafter, a lanky bearded man jumped from his

seat and rushed the stage. He threw up his arm in a fascist salute, his hand just feet away from Wolfowitz's face, while yelling, "You Nazi son of a bitch!" He was quickly tackled by security personnel and dragged outside.

In a free-ranging conversation, Wolfowitz sounded professorial, in keeping with his former profession.

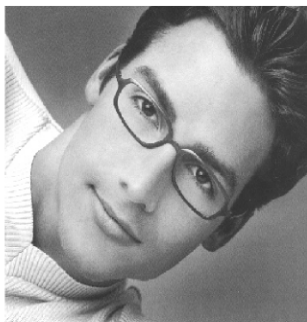
"Democracy is on the march," he said. "It's come to the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia." Eventually, Wolfowitz predicted, it would arrive in China "and that will be a big thing."

He did not address the military's failure to locate Saddam Hussein's whereabouts, nor those of Osama Bin Laden. Many security experts believe that a number of audio and videotapes that purport to show that the Al Qaeda leader is still alive are in fact genuine.

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At one point, Goldberg asked Wolfowitz, "Why did you leave the Democratic Party?" to which the defense official responded, "I am one of the many people who believe that the Democratic Party left me... Scoop Jackson, Harry Truman, and JFK would approve what President Bush is doing."

Jackson was a Democratic U.S. senator from Washington State who maintained a tough Cold War posture into the 1970s.

During the Reagan administration, Wolfowitz served as the ambassador to Indonesia, a nation with the world's largest Muslim population. Prior to that, he served as an assistant Secretary of State, where according to his official biography, he helped smooth the eventual ouster of President Ferdinand Marcos as ruler of the Philippines.

Wolfowitz completed his first Pentagon stint during the Carter administration, as a deputy assistant secretary of defense, and was instrumental in creating the command structure

that became the U.S. Central Command, which now prosecutes the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. More recently, Wolfowitz served as an undersecretary of defense in the first Bush administration in 1989 under then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. After the election of President Bill Clinton, Wolfowitz went into academia and served as a dean and professor at Johns Hopkins University. The demeanor Wolfowitz undoubtedly found useful in the classroom was on full display Sunday. He appeared nonplussed as a series of protesters, mostly middle-aged whites, hurled invective at him. One woman stood up and screamed, "Free Palestine!" As security officials approached to apprehend her, she called out, "What about the uranium?" in an apparent reference to the controversy that President George W. Bush ignited earlier this year when he mentioned in his State of the Union address that Iraq had attempted to buy nuclear-grade uranium from African states. Bush has since admitted that there was no

evidence that Iraq had purchased uranium and that intelligence officials were responsible for incorrectly briefing him.

Secretary Powell made a strong case before the U.N. that Iraq violated Resolution 1441," he said, adding, "It's still not a free environment in Iraq for people to tell us about weapons of mass destruction." Some audience members laughed. Throughout the presentation, hecklers peppered both both men, calling out, "Ask him a real question" to Goldberger and "Oil!, Oil!" to Wolfowitz. Asked why the administration did not continue the containment policy of isolating Iraq and keeping the no-flight zones imposed after the first Persian Gulf War in 1991, as an alternative to invasion, Wolfowitz said that containment cost \$30 billion and resulted in the bombing of the USS Cole, a Navy ship attacked by terrorists in Yemeni waters. Wolfowitz did not explain what

role if any Iraq played in that attack. Following an interruption by a protester who shouted that America had invaded Iraq for oil, Wolfowitz replied, "If we wanted the oil in Iraq, we could have dropped the containment policy 12 years ago and had a completely privileged position, so that's a complete canard line." He then went to add that "liberating Iraq is something that liberals and human rights activists should support." As the presentation ended, Wolfowitz received some applause, but not before someone called out, "When will you resign?" Audience members rose from their seats, some raising their arms in the fascist salute. James Wagner, 62, a gay man, stood up and held aloft a sign reading "Like Goebbels and Lord Haw Haw," referring to the Nazi propaganda minister and British spy for the Third Reich. Chris Henlin, 18, of San Francisco stood with his arm raised in a fascist salute.



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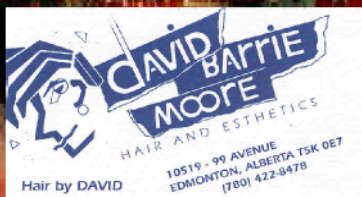
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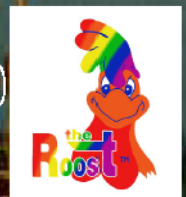


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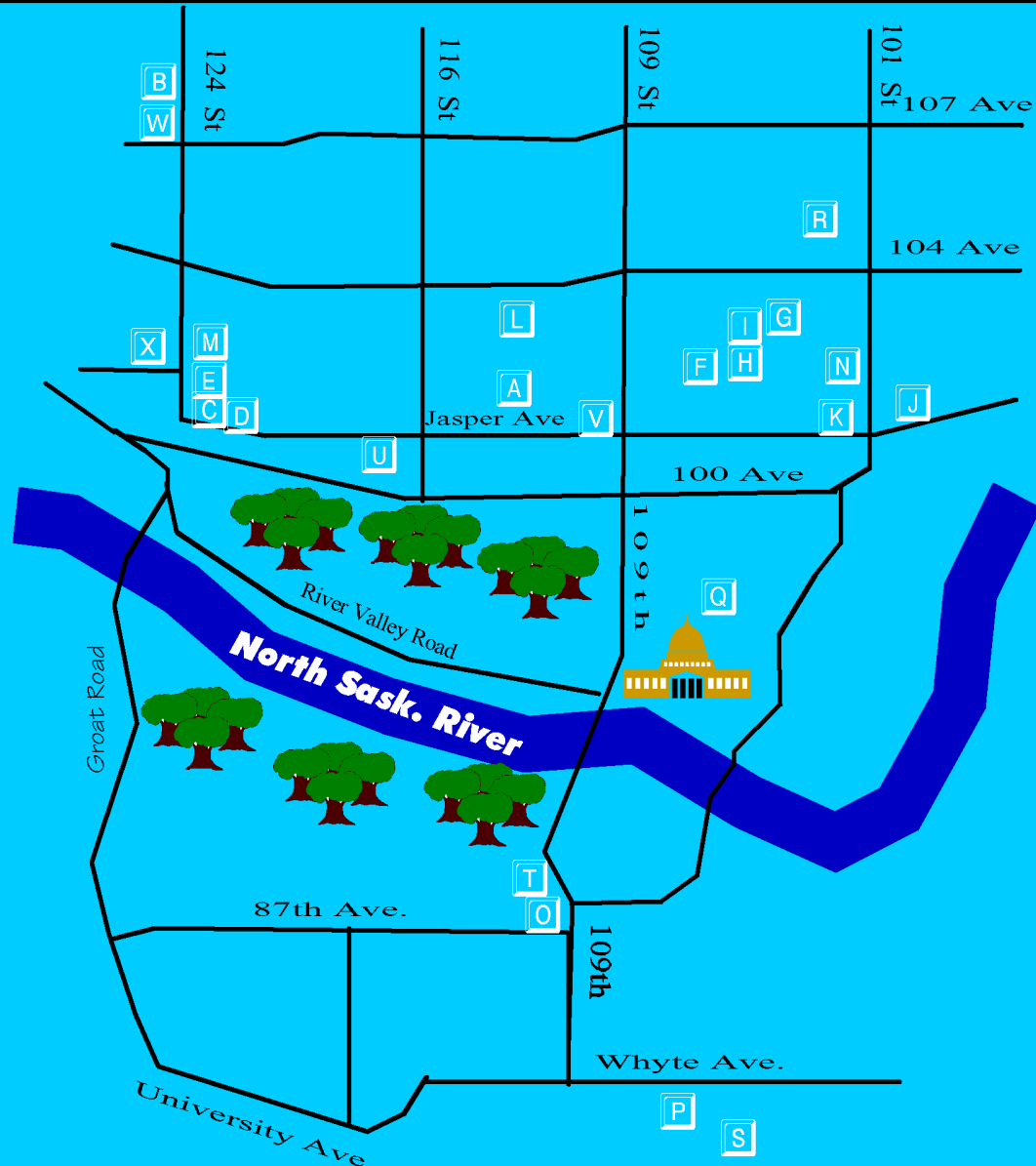


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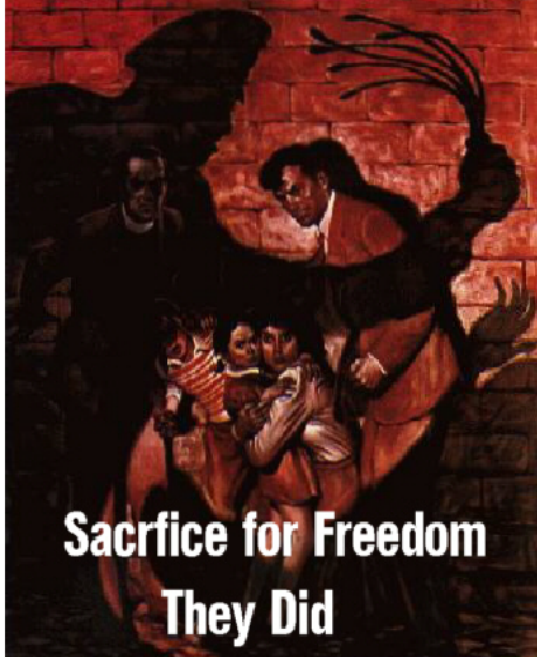


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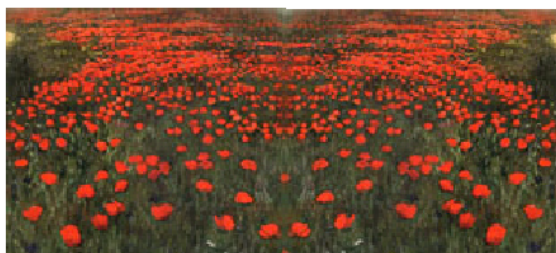
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